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Income from staff assessment

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2012-2013 resources at revised rates	*2014-2015 estimate*	*Increase (decrease)*
Staff assessment	502 795.2	493 184.5	(9 610.7)

IS1.1 The estimates under the present income section comprise the global provision requested under section 36, Staff assessment ($488,835,400), and that portion of the expenditure estimates under income section 3, Services to the public, relating to staff assessment ($4,349,100).

IS1.2 All revenue from staff assessment not otherwise disposed of by specific resolution of the General Assembly is credited to the Tax Equalization Fund established by the Assembly in its resolution 973 A (X). Member States are given credit in the Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments for the regular budget applicable to the financial year concerned.

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Income section 2
General income

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Table IS2.1 **Summary by source of income**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2012-2013 approved estimates*[a]	*2014-2015 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
A. Income from rental of premises	22 554.5	23 871.3	1 316.8
B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others	2 553.8	2 491.9	(61.9)
C. Bank interest	4 535.6	2 536.6	(1 999.0)
D. Sale of used equipment	346.9	95.8	(251.1)
E. Refund of previous years' expenditures	3 876.6	1 265.8	(2 610.8)
F. Contributions of non-member States	23.5	25.5	2.0
G. Television and similar services	54.0	60.0	6.0
H. Miscellaneous income	2 835.6	881.3	(1 954.3)
Total	**36 780.5**	**31 228.2**	**(5 552.3)**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/247.

A. Income from rental of premises

IS2.1 The estimates under this heading, the details of which are shown in table IS2.2, relate to the payment of rent by a number of specialized agencies and other entities connected with the activities of the Organization for the occupancy of United Nations premises in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago. Under the terms of agreement with the Government of Austria, the United Nations does not charge rent for the space provided for other tenants on its premises in Vienna, and rental income generated in Vienna would devolve to the Government of Austria. As per the position of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in 2001, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 63/263, rental income at the United Nations Office at Nairobi was utilized to finance the ongoing project costs of construction of additional office facilities in the Gigiri compound. As stated in the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/67/217), substantial completion was achieved on 31 December 2010 and the formal inauguration of the new office facility took place on 31 March 2011. Rental income from the Gigiri complex in Nairobi has reverted to income section 2, in keeping with the practice prior to the construction project. The estimate for the biennium 2014-2015 reflects the full anticipated revenue for that financial period.

IS2.2 The estimated increase of $1,316,800 in rental income is due to the combined increases in Addis Ababa ($1,096,300), Nairobi ($500,000), Santiago ($45,100) and Bangkok ($17,500), offset by a decrease at Headquarters ($342,100). The increase in rental income in Addis Ababa is due to the anticipated availability of an additional 9,585 square metres of rentable space following the completion, scheduled for 2013, of the new office facilities constructed in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 56/270, 60/248 and 62/238 and to a projected increase in the monthly rental charge. The increase in rental income in Nairobi reflects the anticipated increase in use of space by new and existing tenants. The increase in rental income in Santiago is due to the commencement of rental charges applied to the contractors in the cafeteria and coffee shop, which have moved to their final locations following the completion of the earthquake reconstruction plan, and to an increase in the rental charge applied to the gift shop and the bank. The increase in rental income in Bangkok reflects a marginal reduction of direct expenditures related to the maintenance of the

rental space. The decrease in rental income at Headquarters is the net result of a reduction in rental income due to a decrease in the space requirements of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, partially offset by the increase related to the inclusion of the space requirements of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for the full biennium.

Table IS2.2 **Income from rental of premises**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2012-2013 approved estimates*[a]	*2014-2015 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
Headquarters, New York	4 716.0	4 373.9	(342.1)
United Nations Office at Geneva	2 400.0	2 400.0	–
United Nations Office at Nairobi	11 000.0	11 500.0	500.0
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	2 668.5	3 764.8	1 096.3
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	1 720.0	1 737.5	17.5
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	50.0	95.1	45.1
Total	**22 554.5**	**23 871.3**	**1 316.8**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/247.

B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

IS2.3 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.3. The total estimated income of $2,491,900 reflects an estimated decrease of $61,900, resulting from: (a) a net decrease of $18,300 in reimbursement by specialized agencies for conference services and language training in Geneva, projections of which are based on actual income in 2012, adjusted for currency fluctuation; (b) a net decrease of $66,500 in Vienna owing to decreases in reimbursement for communications activities and in reimbursement by specialized agencies for building management services, projections of which are based on actual income in 2012, adjusted for currency fluctuation; and (c) a net increase of $22,900 at the Economic Commission for Africa, owing to an increase in reimbursement for document reproduction services, based on projected higher requirements for such services in the forthcoming biennium, partially offset by a decrease in reimbursement for language services as a result of an anticipated decline in the number of students.

Table IS2.3 **Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2012-2013 approved estimates*[a]	*2014-2015 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
United Nations Office at Geneva			
Conferences, document reproduction and distribution and other services	947.5	929.4	(18.1)
Language training	9.5	9.3	(0.2)
United Nations Office at Vienna			
Communications	898.6	865.2	(33.4)
Laisser-passer/visa services	18.1	18.0	(0.1)
Building maintenance	488.6	455.6	(33.0)
Economic Commission for Africa			
Document reproduction services	120.0	151.2	31.2
Language training	71.5	63.2	(8.3)
Total	**2 553.8**	**2 491.9**	**(61.9)**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/247.

C. Bank interest

IS2.4 The weak global economic climate has resulted in persistently low interest rates, a trend that is expected to continue in the biennium 2014-2015. In addition, the Secretariat anticipates lower average cash balances. It is projected that interest income to be earned on United Nations bank account balances in respect of the general fund during the biennium 2014-2015 will amount to $2,536,600, a decrease of $1,999,000 from the approved estimate for the biennium 2012-2013 (General Assembly resolution 67/247).

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 An estimated amount of $95,800, reflecting a decrease of $251,100 compared with the estimate approved for 2012-2013 (resolution 67/247), is projected for the sale of used equipment on the basis of income earned in 2012; the amount reflects the estimated decrease in equipment that might be sold in the biennium 2014-2015. The practice of trading in old vehicles against the purchase price of new vehicles continues, which means that the benefit of resale value is achieved by net lower purchase prices.

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

IS2.6 An estimated amount of $1,265,800, reflecting a decrease of $2,610,800 compared with the estimate approved for the biennium 2012-2013 (resolution 67/247), is expected to be refunded from prior years' expenditures, which may include items such as airline rebates. The estimate for the biennium 2014-2015 is maintained at a conservative level based on the original estimate for the biennium 2012-2013 (see A/66/6 (Income sect. 2)), because the level of refunds is influenced by external factors and is therefore hard to predict with accuracy.

F. Contributions of non-member States

IS2.7 Under the terms of rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and regulation 3.8 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, States that are not members of the United Nations but participate in certain activities of the Organization contribute towards the expenses of such activities at rates to be determined by the Assembly. By its resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989, the Assembly endorsed the revised assessment procedures for non-member States contained in the report of the Committee on Contributions on its forty-ninth session (A/44/11, paras. 50-52, and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1). The procedures provide for the assessment of contributions on the basis of a flat annual fee calculated at the beginning of each year. The estimate of $25,500 under this heading relates to the contributions expected in the biennium 2014-2015 from the Holy See. By its resolution 67/19, the General Assembly decided to accord to Palestine non-member observer State status in the United Nations. No decision has been made by the Assembly regarding the assessment of the State of Palestine. Accordingly, no estimate for contributions from the State of Palestine has been included in the estimated income for the biennium 2014-2015.

G. Television and similar services

IS2.8 Income from television and similar services, such as publication fees charged when the images within the United Nations photo library are used in commercially published print monographs, service fees and royalty fees charged for the research, screening and duplication of items in the United Nations video and film collection, is estimated at $60,000, reflecting an increase of $6,000, which is expected to result from the increased availability of audiovisual materials from the archive to external clients as a result of the implementation of a new media asset management system.

H. Miscellaneous income

IS2.9 Various receipts that cannot properly be classified under any of the preceding subheadings, such as insurance claim settlements (excluding recoveries relating to storm Sandy (General Assembly resolution 67/254)) and outdated cheques, are included under this one. Given its nature, miscellaneous income is difficult to predict with accuracy. Accordingly, the estimate of $881,300 reflects the conservative approach of maintaining the estimated amount of miscellaneous income at the same level as the original estimate for the biennium 2012-2013. The amount is lower than the approved estimate for the biennium 2012-2013 (resolution 67/247) by $1,954,300, which reflects the fact that actual income received during 2012-2013 is above the originally estimated amount for that biennium.